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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REQUEST FOR MULTILATERAL
INFORMATION--GHANA

REF: (A) STATE 191993, (B) STATE 159747

(C) STATE 148782, (D) 76 STATE 37591

1. CHANA SEES SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES AS THE MOST
IMPORTANT MULTILATERAL TOPIC, WITH NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC
ISSUES (INCLUDING COMMODITY AGREEMENTS) A CLOSE SECOND.
IN ADDITION, HUMAN RIGHTS AROUSE SOME INTEREST; THE
GOG HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE ON THIS POINT
SINCE RELEASE OF US HUMAN RIGHTS PAPER ON GHANA. OF
OTHER TOPICS MENTIONED PARA 3 REF C--UN BUDGET
CONTROL, STRUCTURAL AND SPECIALIZED AGENCY ISSUES--
WE DOUBT GHANAIAAN OFFICIALS FOLLOW THESE CLOSELY.
IN GENERAL, GOG IS SO PREOCCUPIED WITH COPING WITH
DOMESTIC ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT IT HAS
LITTLE INCLINATION TO FOCUS ON MOST MULTILATERAL
QUESTIONS.

2. WE HAVE LIMITED LEVERAGE ON GOG, PARTICULARLY ON
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INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. AS DEPT AND USUN AWARE, GHANA
TENDS TO FOLLOW LEAD OF OTHER LDC'S AND ESPECIALLY
OF OAU. THIS FREQUENTLY PREDISPOSES GOG TO IGNORE
MERITS OF OUR POSITIONS AND TO FOLLOW G-77 PATTERNS.
WE CANNOT HOPE TO HAVE A VERY HIGH BATTING AVERAGE ON
ISSUES WHERE THIS OCCURS.

3. FOLLOWING UPDATED COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS
IN PARA 7 REF D:

(A) GHANA WANTS TO PLAY AT LEAST AN AUDIBLE ROLE IN LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. LIKE MANY OTHER LDC'S IT BELIEVES PRESENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS STACKED IN FAVOR OF DC'S , PARTICULARLY ON MATTERS SUCH AS COMMODITY POLICIES. TACTICALLY, GHANA THINKS IT IMPORTANT TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH G-77 COLLEAGUES AND IS USUALLY UNWILLING TO GET OUT IN FRONT ON MULTIALTERAL ISSUES. IT KEEPS A LOW PROFILE ON MOST UN MATTERS BUT NAVY CAPT. J. K. AMEDUME, A MEMBER OF THE RULING SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, IS CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE.

(B) GHANA TENDS TO DRIFT WITH THIRD WORLD AND OAU TIDES. HOWEVER, THE PRESENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT, IN POWER SINCE EARLY 1972, IS MODERATE AND PRO-WESTERN BY AFRICAN STANDARDS. IT EXERTS A MODEST BUT WELCOME MODERATING INFLUENCE IN THE OAU AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES.

(C) GOG DELS TO MAJOR INTERNAVTIONAL MEETINGS ARE PROBABLY NOT WELL INSTRUCTED. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) HAS ONLY A LIMITED CAPABILITY TO CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY WITH DELS ONCE THEY LEAVE GHANA. HOWEVER, DELS ARE UNLIKELY TO EXCEED INSTRUCTIONS. WE HAVE NOT SEEN DELS' REPORTING BACK TO MFA BUT WE SUSPECT QUALITY IS UNEVEN.

(D) GOG PERM REPS GENERALLY DO NOT HAVE INDEPENDENT POLITICAL POWER BASES AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW MFA DIRECTIVES.

(E) MFA LISTENS TO OUR MULTILATERAL PRESENTATIONS WITH COURTESY AND ATTENTION BUT DOES NOT THINK IT NECESSARY TO EXPLORE FULLY ALL THE SUBTLETIES OF OUR POSITIONS. WHILE GOG TENDS TO SEE BILATERAL RELATIONS AS SEPARATE FROM MULTILATERAL ISSUES, IT KNOWS THAT IN THE PAST WE HAVE LINKED THEM, AT LEAST VERBALLY, AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE US DO SO AGAIN. GHANA DOES NOT USUALLY SOLICIT OUR SUPPORT FOR ITS OWN POSITIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES BUT WELCOMES SUPPORT WHEN US/GOG INTERESTS COINCIDE, E.G., ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.

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